

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-272-W - ORDER NO. 1999-688  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

IN RE: Application of Blue Ribbon Water Company ) ORDER APPROVING ✓ MR  
for Approval of an Expansion of its ) EXPANSION OF  
Certificated Service Area to include the ) SERVICE TERRITORY  
Carrollton Place Subdivision, York County, )  
South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Blue Ribbon Water Co. (Blue Ribbon or the Company) for approval to extend its service area to include Carrollton Place Subdivision in York County. In order to provide service to Carrollton Place, the Company has constructed facilities in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). DHEC has issued permits to operate the system, as designed, in the proposed expanded service area. Blue Ribbon proposes to charge Carrollton Place Subdivision the same rates as are presently approved for all its customers, i.e., a basic facilities charge of \$9.00, \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons commodity charge, \$500.00 tap fee, \$25.00 new customer water fee, and \$35.00 reconnect fee.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation, and notified the affected persons in Carrollton Place Subdivision of the Application. The Company furnished proof of publication and proof of service on the affected persons. No Protests

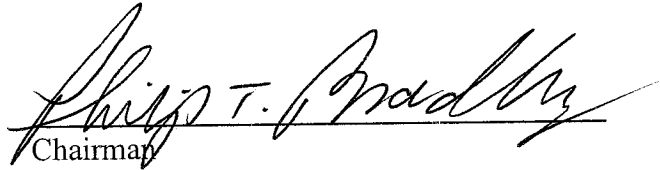
or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, Blue Ribbon requests that the hearing provisions of Regulation 103-704 be waived.

Under Regulation 103-701(3), we may waive a Regulation when there is unusual difficulty in complying with that Regulation, upon a finding by us that such a waiver is in the public interest. We think the present situation meets those criteria, and hereby waive said hearing provision. Apparently, Blue Ribbon has already been serving the subdivision in question for some time, and the customers have had no complaints about the service. The action herein is basically to officially conform the service area of the Company to actual practice. It appears to us that unusual difficulty is present, bringing residents of York County for a hearing that they do not contest, on a water system that already serves them seems to be unnecessary. Therefore, we believe that a waiver is in the public interest.


We have reviewed the record in this case, and because of the reasoning as stated above, we approve the expansion of Blue Ribbon's service area to include the Carrollton Place Subdivision in York County, and decree that the Company shall serve the residents of said subdivision at the presently approved rates of the Company as stated above. We believe it is reasonable to conform our records to what is already occurring in practice.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the  
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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